



Being a grotto member, we know you are already interested in caves. Why not take the next step and show your commitment to cave and karst study, exploration, and conservation by joining the National Speleological Society? The National Speleological Society (NSS), founded in 1941, is a nationwide organization with a membership of more than 12,000 individuals from all walks of life and age groups. We are cavers just like you bound together by our love of caves and desire to protect the underground wilderness for future generations.

Regular membership in the NSS entitles you to receive the monthly caving magazine, the NSS News; the scientific Journal of Cave and Karst Studies three times a year; the annual membership directory; and American Caving Accidents. Membership also entitles you to audiovisual and printed library privileges and NSS Bookstore discounts, as well as a discount for the Society's annual convention.

Membership costs just:

Regular- 1 year: \$36 2 years: \$70 3 years: \$103 (Over 17 years of age; all privileges of membership)

Associate- 1 year: \$25 2 years: \$49 3 years: \$72 (Under 17 and, optionally, full-time students. Non-Voting)

Sustaining- 1 year: \$108 2 years: \$214 3 years: \$319 (Regular membership, with \$72.00 credited towards Life membership each year)

Conservation- 1 year: \$100 2 years: \$200 3 years: \$300 (The difference between the regular dues and the Conservation dues will be applied specifically to NSS conservation and education programs and activities)

Life- \$720 (Regular membership privileges for life for a single payment)

Conservation Life- An additional payment of \$1,000 made by any type of Life Member

Institutional- \$75; Educational and scientific organizations, show caves, libraries, etc.

Limited- 1 year: \$15 2 years: \$29 3 years: \$42 (Over 17 years of age, privileges of Regular membership, but without the NSS News and the Journal)

To join please go to the NSS website at: <https://www.caves.org/newmember.shtml>

Email questions to Eric Weaver at: WEAVEREM@UCMAIL.UC.EDU or Dawn Ryan at (815) 260-3454

The NSS Membership Committee